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Saskatoon/Chokecherry Production Workshop

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This workshop is *a lot more* than just Saskatoons! Sessions include:

- * establishing a saskatoon or currant orchard
- * fresh cut and dried flowers
- * veggies & rhubarb
- * evans- the Alberta red cherry
- * strawberries & raspberries
- * marketing prairie fruit
- * wine making
- * processing prairie fruit
- * chemicals
- * propagation
- * building a cooler
- * and more!

Phone 963-6101 for more information or a registration form.

Plot Results...

AC Barrie performed poorly compared to extra strong and utility wheat varieties Biggar, Wildcat and Bluesky. AC Barrie yielded 48 bushels per acre compared to 60 for Biggar and 58

and 57 for Wildcat and Bluesky, respectively. These plots were seeded by Trish Webber and Lawrence Rowe on Martin Kanhel's farm.

Zeneca Seeds had napus and Polish canola seeded at Webber Farms. Hysyn 110 was the highest net seed yielder at 43 bushels per acre. It had no green seed and 2.6% dockage. For the napus, Ebony was the highest net seed yielder at 51.5 bushels per acre followed by Quantum at 51.

Results from the Agriculture Plots are available at the **Stony Plain Seed Cleaning Plant** and at the **Alberta Agriculture office** in Stony Plain.

Farm Transfer Education Fair

If your family is considering or in the process of transferring a farm business, you'll want to come to this event!

There will be speakers throughout the day on a variety of topics including taxation & transfer issues and the legal and financial issues of transferring a farm. In between speakers you'll be able to visit displays, view new resources and talk to the professionals.

There is **no charge** for the fair, but we ask that you **please pre-register** with Alberta Agriculture at 963-6101, if you are planning to attend.

Date: Wednesday, February 11/98

Time: 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Stony Motor Inn, Stony Plain

SPEAKERS:

1:30 PM - Lawyer, Accountant & Financial Planner, Panel Discussion:
BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

3:00 PM - Merle Good, Alberta Agriculture, Olds:
TAXATION & TRANSFER ISSUES

4:30 PM - Ted Ford, Alberta Treasury Branches, Red Deer:
AFFORDABLE, DESIRABLE, PROFITABLE

7:00 PM - Garry Bradshaw, Alberta Agriculture, Olds:
THE 6 STEP PROCESS TO TRANSFERRING THE FARM

AFSC - Insurance Update ...

We have made more **improvements** to our insurance programs in 1998!

The levels of compensation for **unseeded acreage** has increased.

We are offering a variety of **discounts** for crop insurance and one new one for forage. Look for an **insured acres discount**, a **continuous crop discount** and an **all-crops discount**.

In 1998, we will insure **potatoes** as **seed, table, and processing**, to recognize the differences in yield and value.

The \$83 per acre cap from **wildlife compensation** has been removed.

We will provide **startup coverage** for **new insured's** based on township yield indices as opposed to the larger risk area averages.

There is also a change to **pasture insurance**. The price options now reflect the cost of hay as a replacement to pasture losses.

REMEMBER, the application deadline for Forage Insurance is February 28th and the Crop Insurance deadline is April 30th!

For more information on these programs/changes, call **Bette** or **Dianne** at 963-0600.

Super Canola Meeting

New varieties for '98, weed control in herbicide tolerant canolas and tillage effects on weeds in canola, will be discussed at the Super Canola meeting on February 12, 1998.

Registration **deadline** is **February 10/98**. Please call **Westlock** (349-4465) or **Morinville** (939-4351) to register (toll-free via 310-0000).

The meeting will be held at the **Moyer Recreation Centre** in **Josephburg**.

Breaking the Pea Yield Barrier

Pea inoculants, new pea varieties and marketing your peas are 3 of 7 topics that will be covered on February 26, 1998, at the **Westlock Community Hall**.

The program starts at 7:30 a.m. with a **pancake breakfast**.

Registration is \$20/person and you can **pre-register** by calling **674-8213** at the Barrhead Alberta Agriculture office (toll-free via 310-0000).

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Deep Roots for Profit

Growing and selling alfalfa will happen on **February 11th** (marketing & hay preservatives) and **18th** (varieties & production) at the **Clyde Community Hall**.

Registration is \$20/session or \$35 for both, which includes a hot lunch. Call **349-4546** or **674-8213** by February 6th to pre-register.

Hay preservatives, storage and tarping, super hay Silogard 11 and economics of alfalfa are some of the topics in this alfalfa seminar.

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